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INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR PRIORITY

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TAGS: EINV, MO, OVIP (AMBASSADOR ROBERT SMITH)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF OPIC VICE PRESIDENT SMITH

REFS: (A) STATE 73311; (B) STATE 78772; (C) RABAT 1868

1. AMBASSADOR SMITH DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO MRS. SMITH AND HIMSELF TO STAY AT RESIDENCE APRIL 6 AND 7.
2. SMITH APPRECIATES YOUR HAVING RESERVATION AF 2017 FROM RABAT TO MARRAKECH ON APRIL 8.
3. THERE IS APPARENTLY A CHANGE IN FLIGHT SCHEDULES FROM CASABLANCA TO DAKAR FOR FOLLOWING WEEK. APRIL 11 FLIGHT WILL NO LONGER BE OPERATING. WE ARE TRYING TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE IS A FLIGHT ON APRIL 10 AND WHETHER THERE IS A FLIGHT EARLIER THAT SAME MORNING FROM MARRAKECH TO CASABLANCA WHICH SMITHS COULD ALSO TAKE AND CONNECT WITH FLIGHT TO DAKAR. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WITH RESERVATIONS ON

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THESE TWO FLIGHTS, IF THEY EXIST, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

4. SMITH HAS HAD FULL BRIEFING FROM BRIAN TREADWELL. THE TWO OF THEM CALLED ON MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENGELOUN ON MARCH 29 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE OPIC INVESTMENT MISSION TO

MOROCCO, SENEGAL, AND LIBERIA. BENGELLOUN WAS ENTHUSIAS-
TIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT AND OFFERED TO HELP IN PREPARATIONS
FOR IT IF DECISION IS TAKEN TO PROCEED. HE ALSO SUGGESTED
THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SMITH TO TALK WITH ONE OR
MORE MINISTERS DURING SMITH'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO RABAT.
HE LISTED MINISTERS OF FINANCE, PLAN, AGRICULTURE AND
INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS HEADS OF BNDE AND ODI. EMBASSY WILL
HAVE TO DETERMINE WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE DURING
SMITHS' SHORTENED STAY IN RABAT. COOPER

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